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THE FAR EASTERN REPUBLIC.

ALLEGED FRANCO-JAPANESE CONSPIRACY

WASHINGTON, January 2.
The delegation of the Far Eastern republic of which has come here to ask for a hearing in regard to the Siberian question has published alleged correspondence between Japan and France in regard to a supposed Franco-Japanese proposal to act in concert at the Washington conference in respect to the establishment of a Japanese protectorate in Siberia in regard to which it is alleged the France promised support by all means provided Japan took consideration of French interests in the Chinese Eastern Railway, Manchuria, and in concessions and participated in the restoration of Russia. The Franco-Japanese delegations describe the allegations as forged and malicious fabrications. M. Kaumner, director of the Far Eastern department of the French foreign office declared that the French Government has had no communication whatever with Japan respecting a protectorate. Mr. Hanihara declared there was no shadow of truth in the documents so far as Japan was concerned and therefore they must be forgeries.

THE PRINCE'S TOUR.

VISIT TO THE "CITY OF SILK."

The Prince of Wales arrived at Rangoon at daylight on Monday by the "Dufferin" from Bombay. The city was richly decorated; the main streets being spanned by ten golden pandals surmounted with many exquisite pagodas. Various communities represented by groups along the route offered a welcome with quaint songs and picturesque symbols. There were immense crowds everywhere, characteristically impassive but unmistakably friendly.

The Prince received an address of welcome from the University where the lady students presented him with bouquets. He saw a big gathering of service men at Dalhousie Park. The whole scene was like one vivid cinema-colour panorama in this wonderful "city of silk."

FRENCH TRADE PROSPECTS.

A BRIGHTER OUTLOOK.

PARIS, January 2.
According to papers expressing views on the New Year's prospects the trade crisis is receding on all sides, the momentum which has been taken lately by cotton and steel industry being especially noticeable. Thanks to lower prices for coal, better railroad facilities and cheapness of freight the French foundries and steel works are again coming into their own in foreign markets. Some orders for spinning machines, cane crushing mills and electrical machinery are coming in which are considered a good omen. Some apprehensions are expressed concerning the next wheat crop owing to drought having impeded the autumnal tillages. —Havas.

NEW YEAR HONOURS.

TWO KNIGHTHOODS FOR THE STRAITS.

LONDON, January 1.
The New Year's Honours include knighthoods for Mr. Lionel Mabbott Woodward, Chief Judicial Commissioner in the Malay States and Major General Sir Malcolm GIB, D.S.O. the new G.O.C. for the Straits Settlements, who has been created a K.C.B.
The Sultan of Kelantan has been made an honorary K.C.M.G. and a similar honour has been conferred on Mr. Oliver Marks, who was formerly British resident of Selangor. The Regent of Kedah has been made a C.M.G.

BRITISH REVENUE RETURNS.

LONDON, January 2.
The British treasury returns show a revenue for the nine months ended December of £677,000,000, a decrease of £212,000,000 compared with 1920 at which the excess profits duty accounts for £127,000,000.

SANITARY BOARD MEETING

The following items appear on the agenda of the meeting of the Sanitary Board which is to be held this afternoon—
Letter from Government relative to the erection of four water closets at No. 2, May Road, Island Lot No. 1772; Application for permission to erect six water closets at 10 houses on Island Lot No. 806, Beldor Street; Application for permission to erect two water closets and lavatory basin at St. George's

Building, Lot No. 286; Application for permission to erect three water closets and one urinal at Nos. 47, 78 Queen's Road, West, Island Lot No. 371; C.C. of the Colonial Cemetery, Island Lot No. 431; December 1921 Report of Infectious Diseases from Ministry of Health for the week ending 29th December 1921; All Return for Neighbouring Ports; Health Return from Hong Kong for the week ending 4th and 11th December 1921; Health

Return from India for the week ending 8th October, 1921; Mortality Return for Hong Kong for the month ending 30th November and for the weeks ending 11th and 18th December, 1921; Ret. Return for the week ending 17th and 24th December, 1921.

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LONDON, January 2.
The death is announced of Sir Thomas Sutherland, formerly chairman of the P. and O. Company.

LATER.
Sir Thomas Sutherland had been ill for some months and became much worse on Saturday. Pneumonia set in and he died at his London residence on Sunday night.

(Sir Thomas Sutherland was born at Aberdeen in 1831 and was educated at Aberdeen Grammar School and University. He entered the service of the P. and O. Company and was its representative in China for some years. He was one of the founders of the Hongkong Docks and also of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. For several years he was a member of the Hongkong Legislative Council. From 1894 to 1900 he was M.P. for Greenock. He retired from the chairmanship of the P. and O. in 1914. He was Vice President of the Suez Canal Coy., a director of the London City and Midland Bank, and chairman of the Marine and General Assurance Society.)

AUSTRIAN NOTE CIRCULATION.

VIENNA, January 2.
The banknote circulation unprecedentedly increased by seventeen milliard crowns during the last week in December. A curious phenomenon is that although the circulation totals 160 milliards the public complain of such a shortage that many employers on Saturday were unable to pay wages to their men.

A BRITISH SCHEME IN AUSTRIA.

New York, January 2.
A message from Vienna says the government has allowed it to become known that Vickers Armstrong are offering to purchase the great Woellersdorf arsenal and are proposing to convert the works for the manufacture of locomotives for Balkan orders.

INTERNATIONAL RUGBY.

LONDON, January 2.
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